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SUMMARY: EXPRESSING PRELIMINARY AND INFORMAL JAPANESE REACTION,
FONOFF OFFICIALS STRESSED NEED TO PUT WEIGHT BEHIND
KHMER IN UNGA, BUT BELEIVE FACT-FINDING MISSION AMENDMENT BY ITSELF
IS A LOSER. RATHER THEY THINKING OF ADDING SUBSTANTIVE
PROPOSAL BACKING NEGOTIATIONS AND ENLISIGNNG GOOD
OFFICES OF SYG TO BRING PARTIES TOGETHER. END SUMMARY.

1. POLCOUNS RELAYTED GUIDANCE IN REFTTEL PARA 4 TO UN
BUREAU DEP DIR NODA 8/27 AND DISCUSSED SOME OF BACKGROUND
TO KHMER INITIATIVE. NODA REPLIED THAT INFORMATION HE
RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK SQUARES WITH OURS ALTHOUGH
AMBASSADOR SAITO WHO RETURNED TO TOKYO YESTERDAY AHD
NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HIM YET.

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2. COMMENTING ON KHMER INITIATIVE,SEA FIRST DIV DIR

HANABUSA SAID THAT THOUGH ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN THRASHED OUT WITHIN MINISTRY, WIDELY HELD VIEW IN BUREAU OF ASIAN AFFAIRS WAS THAT FACT-FINDING MISSION AMENDMENT BY ITSELF WOULD WIN NO MORE VOTES THAN WOULD A REPLAY OF LAST YEAR'S POST-PONEMENT MOVE. FACT-FINDING AMENDMENT WOULD BE REGARDED CYNICALLY AS PLOY TO BUY TIME AND LOSE BY WIDE MARGIN.

3. SPEAKING "PRIVATELY AND INFORMALLY", HANABUSA SAID THAT HE WAS SUGGESTING WITHIN THE MINISTRY AN ADDITIONAL MORE SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD (A) EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE UN THAT TALKS BE STARTED BETWEEN MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIDES: (B) URGE ALL COUNTRIES TO RESPECT THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS: AND (C) CALL UPON THE UNSYG TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES IN BRINGING THE TWO SIDES TOGETHER.

4. HANABUSA SAID THAT KHMER HAD MOVED A LONG WAY ON THEIR OWN AND THAT TIME HAD COME THE THROW WEIGHT BEHIND THEM. IF US WOULD BACK THIS KIND OF PROPOSAL AND COMMIT ITSELF TO RESPECT OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS, JAPAN WOULD MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO SPREAD WORD AMONG ASEAN AND OTHER NATONS. WHATEVER PREPARATORY WORK THE US MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IN BOTH PEKING AND MOSCOW WOULD INCREASE THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A PROPOSAL.

5. HANABUSA SAID THAT TIME WAS SHORT AND NNED FOR SPECIFIC LANGAUGE WITH FORM OF CAMBODIAN INITIATIVE, THAN WITH FACT THAT INITIATIVE EXISTS. US HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WITH KHMER FLEXIBILITY, AND DID NOT BELEIVE THATCAMBODIANS COMMITTED TO ANY PARTICULAR TACTIC OR WORDING YET. US WOULD SUPPORT INITIATIVE, AND HOPED THAT JAPAN WOULD COOPERATE. CONSULTATIONS WOULD BEST BE LOCATED IN NEW YORK. BOTH NODA AND HANABUSA AGREED, THOUGH HANABUSA ADDED THAT GOJ MIGHT BRING MATTER UP IN WASHINGTON ALSO.

6. COMMENT: THOUGH HANABUSA'S PRIVATE THOUGHTS ON INDOCHINA ISSUES HAVE A WAY OF BECOMING JAPANESE POLICY, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT GOJ ONLY BEGINNING ITS REVIEW
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